



# The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

Integrating the Catholic Communities of West Footscray, Maidstone & Braybrook in the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Lord's Baptism. Although sinless, Jesus humbly went down with sinners into the waters of the Jordan to receive John's baptism of repentance. He takes unto himself our sinfulness. Jesus reveals himself not as a glorious figure but one who is obedient to the Father and close to the poor and sinners. The Feast of the Lord's Baptism also reminds us of our own baptism, which is dying to our own sinful ways to rise as beloved children of the Father in heaven.

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Response: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Alleluia: John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Prayer: Lord, listen to your people.

## Conforming to God's plan...

St Luke tells us that at the time of Jesus' baptism, which marked the beginning of his public ministry, the people were "filled with expectation."

There were two reasons for this.

- First, rumor had it that according to the prophecies of Daniel, the time was ripe for the arrival of the promised Messiah, the King anointed by God to restore the independence and greatness of the long-suffering people of Israel. Scholars at the time didn't agree about the actual characteristics and identifying marks of that Messiah, but a sense that the time had come was widespread.
- Second, no true prophet had arisen in Israel in over two centuries. And so, when John the Baptist came onto the scene, they knew something big was afoot. Many hoped that he himself was the Messiah.

The prophecy of Daniel and the preaching of John the Baptist, then, were clear, dramatic signs sent by God to indicate the coming of Jesus.

Even so, Christ found a welcome in only a few hearts; the majority gave him up to be crucified.

Why?

Could it be that the people of Israel were expecting one kind of Lord, and God wanted to give them another? We often fall into the same trap; we know clearly the things we want, but God sends us others, and we resent it.

But if Jesus is truly the Lord, and if the greatest prophet of all time was not even worthy to "loosen the thongs of his sandals" (a job reserved to slaves at the time), why do we expect him to do things our way?

Why do we expect him to adjust to our schedule?

Isn't it possible that he knows better?

God often acts in unexpected ways, so it's up to us to adjust our expectations, or else we may miss his grace altogether.





## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Dallimore Family and Lawley Family.

#### Eternal Repose

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Rosetta Lembo, Patricia Shires, Giuseppe Vraca.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Garry David Considine, Belen Dumenden, Mila Dropulic.

### Comfort & Healing

Cesare Bettoni, Nip Frogosa, Jack Considine, Rutillo Llovito, Sabrina Janz, Roselyn David, Carozon Robles, Remedios Laplana, Jose Mastruzzo, Glad Trevillian, Tony Rabusin, Nell Monagle, Fortunata Scalzo, Jamie Dumapias, Cesar Banzon, Sydonia Maslanyk, Margaret Horley, Marie Henwood, Leonie Drayton, Pauline Drayton, Allan Arias, Pat Roddis, Billy Frankland, Roger Joseph Ochoa, Josephine Grima, Barry Hyett, Loretta Mills, Cassandra O'Keefe, Carmen Micaless.



## Mass Schedule

#### SUNDAY

St. John's	8:00 am
Christ the King	9:30 am
Our Lady's	10:00 am
Vietnamese Mass	3:00 pm <sup>1</sup>
Filipino Mass	3:00 pm <sup>2</sup>
Christ the King	5:00 pm
Our Lady's	6:30 pm

#### MONDAY

Christ the King	8:00 am
Our Lady's	8:00 am

#### TUESDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Christ the King	8:00 am
Our Lady's	9:00 am

#### WEDNESDAY

Christ the King	8:00 am
Our Lady's	9:00 am
	7:00 pm <sup>3</sup>

#### THURSDAY

Christ the King	8:00 am
Our Lady's	9:00 am

(until end of January)

#### SATURDAY (Vigil Mass)

Our Lady's	5:00 pm
Christ the King	6:30 pm

#### CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday after the morning Masses and 30 mins. before the evening Masses.

#### BAPTISMS

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

#### MARRIAGE

3 months-notice required.

<sup>1</sup> Sunday Masses in Vietnamese are held at Our Lady's Church every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays and at Christ the King Church every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.

<sup>2</sup> Mass in Filipino is held at Our Lady's Church every 1st Saturday and third Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm.

<sup>3</sup> The Wednesday evening Mass incorporates the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

## Vocation View

To testify to the truth; this is why Christ came, this is the mission of the priest and religious. Has your life testified to the truth that Christ is King?



EDGE is way more than effective catechesis. It's Catholic Middle School Youth Ministry that helps young people with life's most challenging years.

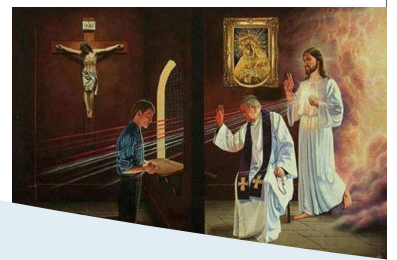
Edge Nights takes place Friday evenings. Kids between 10-13 years old are invited and encouraged to attend. **Interested in helping out?**

Contact: Christine at [olckedge@gmail.com](mailto:olckedge@gmail.com)

Our Lady's Large Hall 7.00-9.00pm

### Preparation for 1st RECONCILIATION

Children who do not study in a Catholic School and wish to receive their First Holy Communion this year can start their preparation by attending the course on First Reconciliation (Confession). Kids must at least be in grade 3 to attend this course. Please register at the parish office. The course will commence on 28 February 2019.



## 19-20 January 2019

## MINISTRIES & SERVICES

		Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir	
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Joward Sawadan	Jeresa Sawadan	Agnes Attard	Our Lady's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	Peggy Dias	Rose Thomas	Alicia Alcantara & Lucy Inocencio	St. Cecilia's
SUN	8:00am	SJ	Lang Phan	Charles Budiman	Robert Brennan	-
	9:30am	CTK	Christine Medina	Christopher Chu	Florian Raymundo, Connie Mammaoliti & Julia Alcantara	CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Albert Agbamey	Guillermo Nasilio	Thanh Le & Hong Le	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	CTK		Loan Vu	Hoa Ton	Trinh Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Kelly Maglalang	Kimberly Lam	Kathe Casas	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Frank Unger	Hung Lam	Benedict Alvares	Coro di Dio

### Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 62:1-5  
1 Corinthians 12:4-11  
John 2:1-11



### DONATIONS TO THE GROTTO PROJECT

Thank you very much for the donations to our Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Date	Name	Amount
<b>03.01.2019</b>	<b>Weekly Subtotal</b>	<b>\$18,100.00</b>
5.1.2019	Tuan-Loan Nguyen	100.00
5.1.2019	Hue Thuy Nguyen	50.00
6.1.2019	Khoan Hoang, My, Dung Nguyen	400.00
6.1.2019	Patricia Mendes	50.00
6.1.2019	Agnes Attard	220.00
8.1.2019	Anonymous	1000.00
10.1.2019	Ngo Family	500.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,420.00</b>



“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’”

- JOHN 18:36

How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?

## stewardship

### St. John’s Church

Presbytery \$142.60  
Church \$161.10

### Our Lady’s Church

Presbytery \$899.85  
Church \$1,200.20

### Christ the King Church

Presbytery \$830.35  
Church \$974.25

The first collection (Presbytery) supports the Parish Priest, his Assistant, the sick and retired Priests and the Archbishop

The second collection (Thanksgiving Envelopes) supports the Parish and the expenses of the Archdiocese.

We would like to encourage our Parishioners to participate in our Donation Appeal for the building of a Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Maidstone. We are hoping to raise around forty thousand dollars for the project. Our Church is high and in proportion, the grotto should be around 5.4 meters high. We are hoping to improve the reverential atmosphere in our Church favorable for prayer and meditation and improve the aesthetics of our surroundings. The project includes water cascading from the feet of the image of Our Lady into a small pond.

### INFORMATION EVENT: 2019 CAMINO JOURNEYS FOR WOMEN

Sunday 20 January, 2pm

The Garden, Mind Body Business, 4 Ross Smith Avenue, Frankston

This free information event is for women who are interested in joining a Guided Camino Pilgrimage in September. Come along and find out how you can be part of our Gentle Camino. This unique Guided Camino Pilgrimage has been specifically designed to offer you guided meditations, nightly sharing circle, quiet reflection, prayers and Mass, pre-booked accommodation and daily luggage transfers. We will be walking an average of 10–15km per day over the last 100km from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela, starting 9 September.

Website: [www.caminojourneysforwomen.com.au](http://www.caminojourneysforwomen.com.au)

Registrations: Joanne Cashman on 0417 137 369 or

[caminojourneysforwomen@gmail.com](mailto:caminojourneysforwomen@gmail.com) or register online at

[www.caminojourneysforwomen.com.au](http://www.caminojourneysforwomen.com.au)

## SCHOOLS

### St. John’s Catholic School

34 Essex St., Footscray West VIC 3011  
Tel: 9687 3150 : Fax: 9687 9166  
[principal@sjfootscray.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@sjfootscray.catholic.edu.au)

### Christ the King Primary School

28 Riley Court, Braybrook VIC 3019  
Tel: 9311 7387 : Fax: 9312 6755  
[principal@ctkbraybrook.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@ctkbraybrook.catholic.edu.au)

### Caroline Chisholm Catholic College

65 Churchill Ave. Braybrook VIC 3019  
Tel: 9296 5311 : Fax: 9296 5381  
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## CONTACT INFORMATION CHURCHES

### Christ the King Church

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### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

46 Ballarat Road, Maidstone VIC 3012

### St. John the Evangelist Church

34 Essex Street, Footscray VIC 3012

Fr. René Ramirez, RCJ  
Parish Priest

Fr. Gerald Biñegas, RCJ  
Assistant Priest

Sr. Helen Robinson, RSJ  
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Huong Nguyen & Tram Nguyen  
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# Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

## Pope Francis' homily for the New Year

You can have flaws, be anxious, and even be angry, but do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world.

Only you can stop it from going bust. Many appreciate you, admire you and love you. Remember that to be happy is not to have a sky without a storm, a road without accidents, work without fatigue, relationships without disappointments. To be happy is to find strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, security in the stage of fear, love in discord. It is not only to enjoy the smile, but also to reflect on the sadness. It is not only to celebrate the successes, but to learn lessons from the failures. It is not only to feel happy with the applause, but to be happy in anonymity.

Being happy is not a fatality of destiny, but an achievement for those who can travel within themselves. To be happy is to stop feeling like a victim and become your destiny's author. It is to cross deserts, yet to be able to find an oasis in the depths of our soul. It is to thank God for every morning, for the miracle of life. Being happy is not being afraid of your own feelings. It's to be able to talk about you. It is having the courage to hear a "no". It is confidence in the face of criticism, even when unjustified. It is to kiss your children, pamper your parents, to live poetic moments with friends, even when they hurt us. To be happy is to let live the creature that lives in each of us, free, joyful and simple. It is to have maturity to be able to say: "I made mistakes". It is to have the courage to say "I am sorry". It is to have the sensitivity to say, "I need you". It is to have the ability to say "I love you". May your life become a garden of opportunities for happiness ... That in spring may it be a lover of joy. In winter a lover of wisdom. And when you make a mistake, start all over again. For only then will you be in love with life.

You will find that to be happy is not to have a perfect life. But use the tears to irrigate tolerance. Use your losses to train patience. Use your mistakes to sculptor serenity. Use pain to plaster pleasure. Use obstacles to open windows of intelligence. Never give up .... Never give up on people who love you. Never give up on happiness, for life is an incredible show.



## This week's events

<b>MONDAY</b> 10.00 am	<b>14th January</b> Italian Prayer Group O/L
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7.00 pm	<b>16th January</b> Novena/Mass O/L
<b>SUNDAY</b> 3.00 pm 3.00 pm	<b>20th January</b> Vietnamese Mass CTK Filipino Mass O/L



## Plenary Council 2020

*What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?*

### FOUNDATIONS IN YOUTH MINISTRY CAMP: CORE

Friday 22 to Sunday 24 February

Don Bosco Camp, 52-62 Dromana Parade, Safety Beach

The Archdiocesan Office for Youth invites all new youth ministers (1-3 years' experience) to join us for a camp to build foundations in leadership, ministry and the life of Christ. This camp will allow you to learn practical skills in planning and running all aspects of youth ministry as well as an opportunity to meet others in the same role as you.

**Cost:** \$85 including all meals and accommodation

**Enquiries:** [aoy@cam.org.au](mailto:aoy@cam.org.au)

**Registrations:** [www.trybooking.com/YSJJ](http://www.trybooking.com/YSJJ)

### Cleaning Roster

Our Lady's (Maidstone)

20-26 January 2019  
Thi Cuc Vu

27 January - 2 Feb  
K. Nguyen

3 - 9 February  
Legion of Mary



Child Safety is our Priority

To find out more ways on how you can help improve our Parochial Community please contact *Huong* or *Tram* at ((03)9317-9258 • (03)9317-9298 from Tuesdays to Saturdays, between 9:00am to 12:00 noon with email: [maidstone@cam.org.au](mailto:maidstone@cam.org.au) or visit our website at [www.hfp.org.au](http://www.hfp.org.au)